



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
201 W. Washington Avenue, Second Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
3:00 p.m. October 10, 2022

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Don M. Millis, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Sharrie Hauge, Brandon Hunzicker, Robert Kehoe, Anna Langdon, Kelly McCormick, John Smalley, Riley Vetterkind, Jim Witecha, and Meagan Wolfe, all by teleconference.

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Millis called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that the meeting was noticed in accordance with Wisconsin's open meetings laws.

C. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Election Observer Rules or Guidance

Chair Millis presented a potential amendment to clerk guidance concerning election observers. The potential guidance was displayed to the Commissioners and the public via screenshare.

MOTION: The webpage that deals with observers will be amended as shown, and notice will be sent to clerks alerting them to the change.

(See Appendix A)

Moved by Chair Millis. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

Chair Millis made edits to the screenshared guidance based on feedback from the Commissioners.

Wisconsin Elections Commissioners
Don M. Millis, chair | Marge Bostelmann | Julie M. Glancey | Ann S. Jacobs | Robert Spindell | Mark L. Thomsen

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: The webpage will be amended as shown on the screen with the reference to Wis. Stat. § 7.41(2). Notice will be sent to clerks alerting them to the change.

(See Appendix B)

Proposed by Chair Millis. Agreed to by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

AMENDED MOTION: The webpage will be amended as shown on the screen with the reference to Wis. Stat. § 7.41(2). Notice will be sent to clerks alerting them to the change.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
Millis:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion failed 3-3.

D. Closed Session

1. Litigation Updates

2. Complaints

Administrator Meagan Wolfe noted that the meeting was noticed so that the Commission may or may not return to open session.

MOTION: To move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) and § 19.851(2).

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
Millis:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

The Commission left open session at 3:56 p.m.

Administrator Wolfe clarified that if the Commission opted to reconvene into open session, they would notify the public via Twitter.

The Commission did not reconvene into open session.

E. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Court Ruling in Kormanik vs. WEC Concerning Guidance on Spoiling Absentee Ballots

No discussion was had, nor action taken on this agenda item.

F. Discussion and Possible Action Related to Congressional District 2 Candidate Requests

No discussion was had, nor action taken on this agenda item.

G. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 6:50 p.m.

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October 10, 2022 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

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October 10, 2022 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Julie Glancey, Commission Secretary

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Appendix A

Edits to the Observer Guidance on the WEC Website (Initial Motion Version):

What to Expect

A designated observation area at the polling place or other location should permit observers to hear instructions and to readily observe all public aspects of the process without disrupting the activities. The chief inspector at each polling place shall provide an observation area within three feet of every table or station at which a voter interacts with a poll worker.

If observers are unable to hear the election inspectors and voters, they may ask for the instructions or information to be repeated.

To ensure the orderly conduct of the election and/or election administration event, or if necessary due to physical limitations of the host location, an election official may limit the number of observers representing the same organization or candidate. However, if the number of observers representing an organization or candidate is limited, then all organizations and candidates at that polling place shall be limited to the same number of observers.

At any station or table at which absentee ballots are processed or counted, the clerk or chief inspector shall provide an observation area within three feet of the table or station. If an observer is unable to hear the announcement of the names and addresses of the absentee electors as the ballots are being processed or counted, the observer may ask for the information to be repeated.

All observers shall be accorded the same respect regardless of their political affiliation or non-affiliation.

Appendix B

Edits to the Observer Guidance on the WEC Website (Friendly Amendment Version):

What to Expect

A designated observation area at the polling place or other location should permit observers to hear instructions and to readily observe all public aspects of the process without disrupting the activities. To the extent physically practical and without disrupting the voting process, the chief inspector at each polling place shall provide an observation area between three and eight feet of every table or station table at which electors announce their name and address to be issued a voter number or at every table at which a person may register to vote. See, Wis. Stat. § 7.41(2).

If observers are unable to hear the election inspectors and voters, they may ask for the instructions or information to be repeated.

To ensure the orderly conduct of the election and/or election administration event, or if necessary due to physical limitations of the host location, an election official may limit the number of observers representing the same organization or candidate. However, if the number of observers representing an organization or candidate is limited, then all organizations and candidates at that polling place shall be limited to the same number of observers.

To the extent physically practical and without disrupting the voting process, at any station or table at which absentee ballots are processed or counted, the clerk or chief inspector shall provide an observation area between three and eight feet of the table or station. See, Wis. Stat. § 7.41(2). If an observer is unable to hear the announcement of the names and addresses of the absentee electors as the ballots are being processed or counted, the observer may ask for the information to be repeated.

All observers shall be accorded the same respect regardless of their political affiliation or non-affiliation.